

REMARKS

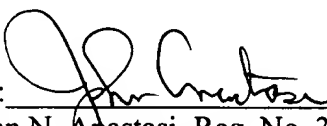
In further response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2001, Applicants respectfully request the amendments and remarks provided herein be considered in combination with the Amendment filed on April 19, 2002.

Claims 1-8, 12-22, 24, 27-31, 35 and 40-146 are now pending in this application. New dependent claims 121-146 have been added herein. Each of the new claims depends, either directly or indirectly, from one of the independent claims, the allowability of which was discussed in the previous Amendment, and is therefore patentable in view of the art of record. Each of the new claims is supported by the specification as filed, and inclusion of these claims does not add any new subject matter to the application. Applicants therefore respectfully assert that each of the new claims is in condition for allowance

A notice indicating that the application is allowed is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge the deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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